

A PRIZE CONUNDRUM CONTEST

The New York Evening World recently offered a prize for the best collection of original conundrums, to be sent in within a given time. The result was most interesting. THE CRITIC, as announced in yesterday's issue, is inclined to try the same experiment in Washington, and a prize of \$100 will accordingly be given for the best collection of original conundrums with their answers (quality to be considered above quantity) sent to this office before April 1. The award will be made by Mr. W. J. Lamont of THE CRITIC editorial staff. The prize offered is insignificant, but the contest will

be at least curious; and it is hoped Tom Carrie's readers will enter into it heartily for the amusement it will afford.

STEPPING-STONE TO GREATNESS

Postmaster-General Wanamaker Tallied to His Sunday-School Scholars.

Political honors do not mean much to the master-general of Wanamaker's, from whom all the duties at Bethany Sunday-school Philadelphia on Sunday. The school room was packed with scholars and visitors eager to see a Cabinet officer lead a Sunday-school. The lesson was perfectly adapted to the occasion, the subject being on the humility of the truly great. In the course of the address to his private club Mr. Wanamaker said:

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A Novel Experience.

Many of the members of the Anderson Company had a good experience in Washington, says the *American* correspondent. As has been noted in history, the hotel in that city were packed to overflow during inauguration week. Mr. Henry Abbey, knowing that many of the company would be unable to get rooms, and that they would have to sleep in something enormous, rented a lot of cots. They were placed in the aisles of the

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The Mudd-Compton Contest.
At the hearing of the Mudd-Compton controversy in Baltimore yesterday, evidence was produced to show that the claim of Mr. Mudd's counsel that a woman had persecuted a colored voter named Thomas Williams, voted the Democratic ticket in 1876, was untrue. It was shown that the man who voted as Williams was a colored man. The *news* also gave evidence to prove as usual that Thomas was carried to the polls

Important Railway Conference—There will be an important railroad conference in this city next Saturday. Each of the railroad concerns comprising the New York and New Jersey Railroad and the Erie Railroad Association have been invited to appear before the Interstate Commerce State Commerce Commission at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of showing their views on the proposed changes in their export rates and how they intend to meet the situation if the board has decided upon. This is in compliance with the order of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the second instant. An order has

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lucky plain. Elijah Halford has tasted whisky, but has appreciated champagne only when on convivial occasions. Y. World.

Marshal of the District.
The commission of United States Marshal Wilson of the District of Columbia will terminate until next January. Mr. Wilson has had pleasant interviews with both the President and the Attorney General, and has been asked to tender his commission when desired, received no intimation to that effect. Mr. Wilson is a native of New York, is a graduate of the University of the South, and is a member of the bar. He is a Democrat, but is not a member of any party. There are several worthy members of Washington who are well informed, and who are well informed, the impression that, when the President is ready to tender his commission, he will be ready to tender his commission.

A Lary Fellow.
Bismarck—But spy is no goat. I charge him.
The Emperor—Vat he do
He do nothing. I von lary fellow zent him to dot American State. I deru forte, and he come back and za not vind any."

HERMAN's bottled Maenzi beer, phone call, 634-3.

DIED.
CHAMBERLIN. At the residence of brother-in-law, M. C. Bennett, in this city, on the 10th inst., at the age of 71, Henry J. Chamberlin, of the late firm of Chamberlin & Co., of Thomas O. and I. A. Chamberlin of Virginia.
Interment at Mausoleum, Van Weeden p. 29.
